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TO: Class of 2021, Class of 2022, Class of 2023, Parents and Advisors
FROM: M.A. Mahoney, Dean of Faculty and Academics
RE: 2020-2021 Course Registration
DATE: February 24, 2020

It's time to register for your academic courses for the 2020-2021 school year. We are approaching course registration with a three-phased approach. This means that you will register for specific classes at different times. This process will allow you to see your schedule as it develops and have input at each phase.

IMPORTANT DATES

Phase 1 Course Registration Forms due in Academic Office	by Monday, March 9 th
Phase 2 Individual Meeting w/Ms. Mahoney or Ms. McGroarty	April
Phase 3 Electronic (survey)	July

PHASE 1

Phase 1 is when you confirm with the Academic Office your course selection for 2020-2021. In Phase 1, you confirm your core courses and identify your activity preferences. Your sign-up sheet will be personalized, so that you will see what courses you are eligible to select.

The last week in February, your advisee group will attend a session led by either Ms. McGroarty or me, during which we will explain all the details. For now, know that you will choose and confirm core courses (the next logical courses) in Phase 1. If you are a rising senior, this may mean you are choosing Co-Curriculum, Advanced Studio Art, AP English, Calculus, and Physics with Trigonometry. If you are a rising junior, you may be choosing something like Co-Curriculum, English III, US History, AP Calculus AB, and French III. You are NOT choosing specific content (which English IV course, for example), or electives (Robotics, for example) at this time. By March 9th, you will return your completed Phase 1 form to the Academic Office. This form is to be "signed" by you and your parent. If you are a boarder, your parent can sign by emailing you permission; you then staple a copy of that email to the form before you turn it in.

PHASE 2

Phase 2 will occur in April though students with an open block in Mod 5 or juniors in Mod 6 Co-Curriculum may meet sooner. During your individual appointments with me or Ms. McGroarty, we will reflect on your growth this past year and plan for your upcoming year. We will discuss your schedule and options in more detail. Some questions to think about before the meeting include:

- What have you learned about yourself as a learner this year?
- Where has your intellectual curiosity taken you?
- What is a topic or question you are interested in exploring next year?
- What academic skills have you honed this year?
- What are your great strengths of character? What is your next area for development and focus?

Parents are welcome at the meeting. The online sign-up will open this week. Parents can attend in person, via phone, Facetime, or Skype. We enjoy these meetings for they provide an important opportunity for us to reflect on your growth and development. If you are a junior on Mod 6 Co-Curriculum or have a free block in mod 5, there are meeting times available during the first two weeks of March.

Meeting sign-up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E45ADA82FA4F85-2021>

PHASE 3

Phase 3 will occur in July. Our goal is to publish your schedule on your Student Portal page at the beginning of July. At the same time, you will also receive a survey which allows you to enroll in electives that fit your schedule.

Summer work for each course and book and supply lists will be posted on PowerSchool on May 1st.

<https://haiku.madeira.org/kmcgroarty/summerwork2020-21>

We look forward to working with each of you on your schedules and to reflecting with you on your growth and plans.

Some notes...

How do I sign up for my Co-Curriculum placement?

You select a Co-Curriculum placement with the Co-Curriculum Office. Rising juniors and seniors will begin that process this spring. See the Co-Curriculum Placement Process document online under Forms and Schedules.

<https://www.madeira.org/forms-schedules/>

How do I learn about courses?

Course descriptions for 2020-2021 are posted on the Madeira website under the Academic head and then in the Academic Department section. <http://www.madeira.org/academics/academic-departments/>

Can I talk to departments about their new course offerings?

Department Heads and teachers are excited to discuss their courses with you and look forward to you asking questions.

How do I register for an AP course?

Your eligibility for AP courses is indicated on the Phase 1 Course Registration Form. AP Course descriptions are found on the Madeira web site in each Academic Department section. Not all departments choose to offer Advanced Placement courses, though Madeira offers advanced courses in all departments. If you are confirming a Phase 1 enrollment in an AP course to which you are eligible, you must also submit the AP Contract with your Phase 1 form. Next year, the College Board requires that all students taking AP exams in May 2021 register for those exams in fall 2020. Summer work for AP courses will include information which you must follow.